BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-395-W - ORDER NO. 97-1053

DECEMBER 18, 1997

IN RE: Request of Duke Water Systems, a ORDER division of Duke Energy Corporation, GRANTING that its Certificated Service Area be REQUEST FOR Expanded to Include Water Service for) AN EXTENSION a Certain Portion of Anderson County TO PREFILE) at its Existing Rates and Charges. TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") on the request of Duke Water Systems, a division of Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke"), for an extension of time in which to prefile testimony and exhibits in the instant Docket. As justification for its request, Duke states that settlement negotiations in this matter are ongoing. Duke further states that it will consent to a corresponding extension of time for the other parties of record.

Upon consideration of Duke's request, the Commission finds that good cause has been shown for the extension of time to prefile testimony and exhibits and hereby grants the requested ten day extension to prefile testimony and exhibits. The ten day extension is granted to Duke and to the other parties of record.

By Order No. 97-922, dated October 28, 1997, prefile dates were established for the parties in this Docket. Duke's prefile date was set for December 11, 1997, and the prefile date for Staff and/or Intervenors was set for December 29, 1997. With the ten

day extension of time to prefile, Duke shall prefile on or before December 21, 1997, and the Commission Staff and/or Intervenors shall prefile on or before January 8, 1998. All other requirements of Order No. 97-922 shall remain in effect.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy 1

Executive Director